<center>REMARKS</center>

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with a divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 09/779,078. Original claims 1-24 have been canceled. New claims 25-55 are being presented for consideration. No new matter is presented.

Claims 25-55 are fully supported by the parent application U.S. Serial No. 09/779,078. Support for new independent claim 25, including the undulating members having U-shaped members, Y-shaped members, and W-shaped members, with different radii of curvature, is found at page 10, lines 22-29 of the specification, and in FIG. 5 of the drawings. Support for new independent claim 35, including the generally serpentine pattern having first curves and second curves having a different radius of curvature, is found at page 10, lines 22-29. While the specific language used in the claim of "first curves and second curves" is not found in the specification, the serpentine pattern is described as being made up of a plurality of U-shaped members, W-shaped members, and Y-shaped members, each having a different radius so that expansion forces are more evenly distributed over the various members. Thus, for example, the U-shaped member can be described as having first curves and the Y-shaped members can be described as having second curves, where the first curves have a radius of curvature different from the radius of curvature of the second curves. With respect to new independent claim 45, support for the undulating members having U-shaped and Y-shaped members having different radii of curvature, is found at page 10, lines 22-29. Further, support is found in the drawings, for example, FIG. 11.

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It is believed that the pending claims 25-55 are patentable over the art and early consideration is requested.

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